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FOR USDOC/NOAA (IA AND DR. GRESSMAN)

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SUBJECT: DRAFT METEOROLOGICAL AGREEMENT FOR COLOMBIA

REF: BOGOTA A-46, BOGOTA 3474

1. REFERENCE AIRGRAM TRANSMITTED THE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE GOC PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUATION OF THE U.S. COLOMBIAN METEOROLOGICAL AGREEMENT. THE SUBSTANCE AND FORMAT OF THE PROPOSAL IS BASED UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING'S INSTRUCTION ENTITLED "INFORMACIONES PARA LA ELABORACION DE SOLICITUDES DE COOPERACION TECNICA INTERNACIONAL" (DOCUMENTO DNP-554-UPEC-REV 2, MARZO DE 1974) WHICH COVERS BOTH MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS.

2. SECTION B. PARAGRAPH 3A OF THE ABOVE-CITED INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH THE ISSUE OF COST SHARING. IT DOES NOT STATE THAT ALL COSTS FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS ARE TO BE SHARED EQUALLY. IT SIMPLY STATES THAT THE COLOMBIAN FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO A PARTICULAR PROGRAM SHOULD BE PROPORTIONATE TO THE VALUE COLOMBIA DERIVES FROM THE PROGRAM. AS SUCH, THE GOC IS CONTENDING IN ITS PROPOSAL THE UNITED STATES AND COLOMBIA ARE DERIVING ROUGHLY EQUAL BENEFITS FROM THE BOGOTA AND SAN ANDRES WEATHER STATIONS AND SHOULD SHARE ASSOCIATED SUPPORT COSTS ACCORDINGLY. THE EMBASSY, OF COURSE, IS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE

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THIS CONTENTION. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOC

PROPOSAL DOES NOT INCLUDE SALARY AND SUPPORT COSTS FOR
THE U.S. TECHNICIAN.

3. DR. JOSE PLATA, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO
PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING WITH MR. EDDLEMAN, HAS
INFORMED US THAT THE GOC IS SEEKING TO HAVE ALL
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS CONFORM TO THE GUIDELINES
ISSUED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, A BOX OF BATTERIES WAS
TRANSFERRED FROM THE SAN ANDRES STATION TO THE BOGOTA
STATION ON APRIL 20. THE TRANSFER WAS MADE WITHOUT
CONSULTING MR. COURTNEY.
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